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SUBJECT: WESTERN DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS ON BERLIN

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1. BONN GROUP AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO FOLLOWING TALKING
POINTS FOR POSSIBLE USE BY THE SECRETARY AND THREE
ALLIED MINISTERS IN NEW YORK IN DISCUSSIONS OF BERLIN
WITH GROMYKO.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

A. IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE GERMAN SIDE TO
ESTABLISH FEDERAL AGENCIES IN BERLIN WITHOUT PRIOR
POLITICAL CONSULTATION WITH THE WESTERN POWERS.

B. IF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS DECLARE IN ANY
GIVEN CASE THAT WHILE IT WAS LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE TO
ESTABLISH SUCH AN AGENCY IT WAS POLITICALLY NOT
ADVISABLE TO DO SO, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD
REFRAIN FROM ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

C. THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT AGENCY IS NOT A FIRST
STEP OF ANY DELIBERATE POLITICAL ACTION ON THE
PART OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AIMED AT UNDULY
EXTENDING THE FEDERAL PRESENCE IN BERLIN.

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D. THE ALLIES TOO ARE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT IN AN

EFFORT TO PRESERVE THE VIABILITY OF THE CITY CERTAIN PROJECTS CONCERNING FEDERAL AGENCIES ARE BEING DISCUSSED BY VARIOUS QUARTERS IN BERLIN. THIS IS SOMETHING NORMAL IN POLITICAL LIFE. IN THESE MATTERS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE GERMAN SIDE RESTS, HOWEVER, WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH FOR ITS PART WILL NOT ACT WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE THREE POWERS.

E. THESE COMMENTS ARE PROOF OF THE INTEREST WHICH THE THREE POWERS ATTACH TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. THE THREE POWERS TRUST THAT THE USSR WILL ATTACH THE SAME IMPORTANCE TO THE STRICT OBSERVANCE AND FULL APPLICATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT, BOTH IN ITS LETTER AND SPIRIT. END TEXT.

3. THE ALLIES MENTIONED THEIR EXPECTATION THAT THE USSR FOR ITS PART WOULD CONDUCT ITS POLICY TOWARD BERLIN MORE REASONABLY THEN HAS BEEN THE CASE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, BONN GROUP REPS AGREED ON THE GENERAL FORMULATION IN PARA 2E WHICH IT WAS FELT WOULD MAKE THE POINT QUIETLY BUT CLEARLY TO THE SOVIETS.

4. UK REP SAID HE DOUBTED THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN RAISING THIS ALLIED POSITION ON BERLIN WITH GROMYKO SINCE THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE WAS NOT IN ANY SENSE EXPERT IN THIS FIELD. US REP SAID HE ASSUMED GROMYKO WOULD RAISE BERLIN WITH ONE OR MORE OF THE FOUR ALLIED MINISTERS, AND SO IT SEEMED PREFERABLE TO HAVE ALL FOUR OPERATING FROM THE SAME GENERAL GUIDELINES. OTHER BONN GROUP MEMBERS AGREED. US REP ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE RESULTS OF ANY BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON BERLIN IN NEW YORK BE COMMUNICATED TO THE BONN GROUP FOR AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. THIS TOO WAS ACCEPTED BY THE OTHERS. HILLENBRAND

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